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Cops Kill Anti-Fascist

(WEST GERMANY) Gottingen police have attacked an anti-fascist demonstration, murdering a womyn participant, on November 17. The demonstration was the result of numerous violent incidents provoked by fascists during recent days, culminating in a battle between skinheads and anti-fascists on the evening of the 17th. Police intervened, escorted the skinheads to safety and began to hunt down the anti-fascists, sealing street exits to prevent their escape. One cop was overheard on police radio obtaining permission to beat up the prisoners. The cops then attacked with tear gas, dogs and truncheons.

One of the anti-fascists, Conny Weissmann, broke through the blockade and was killed when she ran in front of a passing car on a busy

main street. All attempts made to help her were prevented by the police, and when the ambulance arrived she was dead. On the evening of the 18th, a post of mourning was set up on the place where she was killed, and banks and police were attacked during spontaneous demonstrations in many cities. At the Gottingen rally there was heavy fighting between police and demonstrators, who defended themselves by throwing rocks and molotov cocktails. One youth was knifed by a fascist and badly injured, and there were several arrests. Conny's murder was not an isolated incident, but the consequence of the police policy of protecting fascists and attacking anti-fascists.

RESISTANCE READY IN 5 MINUTES!!!

One of the biggest laughs we've had in a while was concerning the Canadian Labor Congress' proposed response to the Goods and Services Tax. First they were calling for a 5 minute general strike. That has to be the epitome of our time-crunched TV society. And it's about as threatening as a wet noodle. Now they're talking about a 5 minute referendum, so we can find out what we already know — that the GST is going to hurt low income people and put the burden of the deficit on the people who can least afford it. In the Star last week a poll said 68% of Canadians oppose the 7% GST, so why do we need a referendum? What we need is action to stop it. A general strike is a great idea, because when we withdraw our labour en masse like that, the government has no choice but to give in, because we run society and without us it will not run. But it can't be limited to five minutes or it just becomes meaningless. And if a full general strike seems impossible right now, then we have to turn to other direct actions to change things. For instance, in opposition to the proposed UI cutbacks, Bill C-21, unemployed people in Montréal have been occupying

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Czechoslovakian Anarchists Organize

Czechoslovakia has just seen its first open anarchist organization in many years. We received this text, the founding statement of the Czechoslovak Anarchist Union (CAS) in the mail.

We, Anarchists living in Czechoslovakia, have decided this 10th of October 1989 to make public the CAS (Ceskoslovenske Anarchisticke Sdruzeni) which will make a free reference to the activity of the CAF (Ceska Anarchistycka Federace) constituted 85 years ago.

The CAS is the free and open union of those who have chosen the anarchist movement. It aims to integrate all the anarchists you can get in touch with among all the professions and social levels. The CAS has to insist on the efficiency of the movement, and to provide it a more normal development, so that its influence on our milieu will be clearer than up to now. The CAS is a union of people for whom the new and free society working on the basis of free association, the anarchist society, is the ultimate goal, even though this can seem unrealistic.

Thus the CAS recognizes as its most important goals: 1) to try to organize free groups, to make possible contacts and collaboration between individuals, and to support individual initiative and solidarity as the two most important elements of every sane social life. 2) to support the information and education activity, as well as to gather anarchist literature, theoretical and for propaganda, for the support of our movement. 3) to support every antimilitarist or antinationalist movement. 4) as a branch of the inter-

Historically, the East bloc countries had some of the strongest and most vibrant anarchist workers movements, which were highly organized and fought hard for the ideals of self-management, autonomy, free association and an end to capitalism. But after the Bolsheviks seized power and state communism tightened its grip on those countries, anarchism was bloodily suppressed by both the new "workers states" and reactionary forces. Now it's once again seeing a rise in the cavity left by the demise of state communism.

national movement, to link contacts between anarchists from other borders. 5) to support every information and formation activity. 6) to take a clear position against terrorism.

Nevertheless, these goals are far from being the only ones, for in any case they cannot limit individual initiative. The CAS appeals to all groups

and associations to pay more attention to the intelligence, to the anarchist consciousness and to the seriousness of their activists, rather than to their number. We keep the right to refuse entry into our union to anybody who wouldn't enjoy the trust of our activists.

And in the Belly of the Beast...

An anarcho-syndicalist federation has been organized in the Soviet Union, with about fifty people from various cities attending last January's founding meeting in Moscow. The small but energetic group plans to re-publish the paper *Golos Truda* (the Voice of Labour), destroyed by the Bolsheviks after the revolution, and to hold celebrations in honour of Makhno and Bakunin. (Makhno was known for his army of Ukrainian peasants who fought both the reactionary white armies and the new Bolshevik regime, freeing villages and setting up real workers self-management in

their path. The Ukrainian movement was double-crossed and destroyed by the Bolsheviks in 1921). Makhno was also the subject of a favourable article in a major Soviet literary review, and Soviet officials are planning celebrations for Kropotkin's 150th birthday in 1992, indicating a possible re-examination of the anarchist movement in the USSR.

Another group affiliated with the KAS (Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists) is resuming publication of the paper *Nabat* (Alarm) which was crushed by the Bolsheviks sixty-nine years ago.

Minute Resistance (continued from front page)

pying offices, blockading banks, and holding soup kitchens publicly. And now they're heading up to Ottawa along with people from Toronto and London to kick Mulroney out of his house. On Monday, January 22, they plan to serve Mulroney with his pink slip and kick him out of his house. Or should we say OUR house, since we pay for it. If you're interested in this, there's a bus going up from here in Toronto on the 22nd at 7AM and coming back at night, unless of course we have a successful revolt, in which case we can spend the night in Mulroney's luxury accomodations. To get on that, or to get more info, phone David Kidd at 925-4363.

We might also compare the Goods and Services tax to another tax being brought in in England called the Poll Tax. The system is different, but the poll tax is one which also puts the burden on the poor and reduces the burden on the rich. It's applied equally to everyone regardless of income and it replaces their rates tax, which was based on property. This one taxes every citizen regardless of their housing. But it's meeting with a lot of resistance. First of all because it requires the public to register, which a huge portion of the

public has refused to do. It also requires cooperation, and there isn't much of that. Neighbourhood committees up to national federations have sprung up to fight it and it's basically the biggest grass-roots resistance to the government since the miner's strike in 1984.

Also, the campaign has taken an interesting turn in Cambridge, England. The city council's poll tax office was recently firebombed and spraypainted with anti-poll tax slogans. The action was blacked-out from the media. There was a lot of damage done but no injuries, as it was done at an hour when no-one was in (Black Flag #196). Undoubtedly the media blackout was intended to keep quiet the huge hatred of the tax and discourage any similar acts.

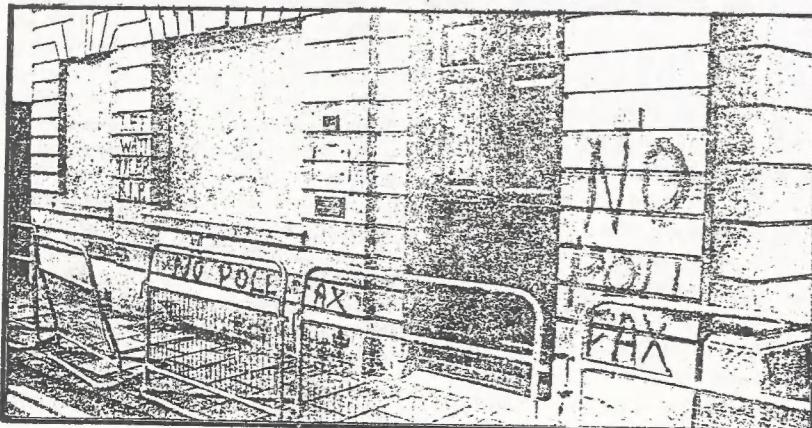
We're not necessarily saying we should all go out and firebomb our local tory offices. We're saying we should take a lesson from the mass resistance there against an unfair tax and fight this new GST. And that means direct action, not rhetoric and hot air, which is what the CLC's five minute plan means.

TEMAGAMI DAY!

The eastern Canadian chapter of Earth First, a radical environmentalist group, has called for a day of simultaneous actions across Ontario to protest the logging of Teme Augama land, generate media attention to raise public awareness, and allow people to express their outrage, dissent and concern without having to travel to Temagami or Toronto. They propose simultaneous actions at Liberal MPP constituency offices across the province. A February date is planned. Interested parties are asked to contact EF! Eastern Canada, P.O. Box 4612, Sta. E, Ottawa K1S 5H8, 613-231-6507.

A Case of Mistaken Identity

When a Shell filling station in the small Swedish town of Vaxjo was vandalized as a protest against Shell's involvement in South Africa 22-5-88, a 55-year-old engineer saw two people doing it and called the police. Two people were arrested, and tried in September, 1989. They said that they didn't do the action, but sympathized with it because of Shell's involvement in South Africa. The witness said that he, in 1988, had no idea of Shell's role in South Africa, and would not have called the police if he had. Although he had identified the two accused a year earlier, he couldn't verify this identification at the trial and ended his statement by expressing his support to the activists! The suspects were let go...



A REGULAR FEATURE ON ANARCHY IN ACTION

Mutual Aid



A recent Ecomedia article, referring to the failure to date of the LETSystem of barter to catch on in Toronto, suggested that the concept needs a bit more thought before it can operate as a step towards the decentralized economy we should be aiming for. Since then, we've learned that a very active LETSystem has developed in Ottawa; a long list of goods and services available for barter is regularly published, fairs are held regularly to enable members to

discuss possible exchanges, and the group works with Computer Wise, a group of disabled people with computer expertise who, like exchange members, seek markets for their work.

Under the LETSystem, the recipient of a good or service credits the provider with all or part of the price in green dollars, and is in turn debited the same amount; all credits and debits are computerized. The recipient then works off the debt by providing goods or services to another member.

The main advantages of the system are that it encourages people to buy locally, recycle spending power within the community, and obtain goods and services which otherwise might lie beyond their financial means. The main disadvantages are that records of all transactions are kept in a computer and made available to income tax inspectors (who want to tax all these transactions), and that some small and cohesive groups have established informal arrangements for exchanging goods

and services which could be supplanted by this more formal system. For more information: Ottawa LETSystem, PO Box 1396, Stn B, Ottawa K1P 5R4, 613-725-2054.

Anarchist Media Raided

Italian police have raided the homes of anarchists in various towns 5-12-89, particularly those involved in producing the papers *ProvocAzione* and *Anarchismo*, seizing a large part of the material planned for their next issues and subscription lists. The papers have vowed to continue publishing information that the state is trying to suppress. (Milan editorial group of *ProvocAzione*.)

Ecomedia Toronto

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Ecomedia Toronto is a local office involved in three main projects: a radio show every Wednesday on CKLN 88.1FM between 7 & 8pm as part of their "Word of Mouth" program; another radio spot on CIUT 89.5FM, which is now changing times to become part of their news show, which starts at noon every Friday; and we publish the bulletin in your hands. This bulletin comes out every two weeks and is available free at locations throughout the city; subscriptions are \$15 for 26 issues (1 year) which are mailed every 2 issues to cut costs. Order yours from the address on the front. Make cheques or M.O.'s payable to Ecomedia.

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MEDIA WATCH

Some strange theories can turn up under the guise of public education. For instance, CJRT is now broadcasting a series entitled "Growth Can Be Green," whose basic premise is summed up by an industrialist who states that economic growth and a healthy environment are compatible. The series will apparently emphasize the efforts of a small percentage of the corporations (an estimated 20 or 25 altogether) to develop ecologically sound practices.

The problem is that corporations are incapable of abandoning the primary objective of economic growth; any that do will be quickly swallowed by other corporations. And any serious effort to save the environment must replace the ideal of economic growth with that of a sustainable economy based on recycling. As long as they attempt to reconcile economic growth with environmentalism, the most we can expect is replays of the Loblaw/Pollution Probe fiasco.